

**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENT ON FEDERAL REGISTER FW: NO MORE RABBITS OR PUPPIES OR ANY OTHER ANIMAL USED FOR EYE TESTS

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**To:** NIEHS NICEATM, [REDACTED]

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THIS AGENCY APPEARS TO BE WASTING MANY YEARS IN CHANGING THIS PRACTICE. WHY ARE YOU MOVING SO SLOW TO PROTECT A METHOD THAT WAS STARTED IN 1500 A.D. - ISNT THAT ANTIQUATED ENOUGH FOR YOU TO USE AS THE ONLY METHOD - SHOWING HOW WE CANT FIND ANYTHING MORE MODERN IN 600 YEARS?????? IS THAT TRUE? THIS CHANGE SHOULD HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN ONE YEAR. TO DATE 6 YEARS HAVE GONE BY WITH NO MOVEMENT. THERE ARE CERTAINLY MORE MODERN, MORE TOLERABLE ACTIONS THAN CONTINUING TO ABUSE RABBITS, PUPPIES AND OTHER LIVING ANIMALS WITH THIS TEST WHICH IN FACT IS NOT A PERSONS EYE. THIS COMMENT IS FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD. JEAN PUBLIC

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> DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
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> Evaluation of In Vitro Tests for Identifying Eye Injury Hazard  
> Potential of Chemicals and Products: Request for Nominations for an  
> Independent Expert Panel and Submission of Relevant Data  
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> AGENCY: Division of the National Toxicology Program (DNTP), National  
> Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), National Institutes  
> of Health (NIH).  
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> ACTION: Request for Data; Request for Nomination of Scientific Experts.  
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> SUMMARY: The NTP Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative  
> Toxicological Methods (NICEATM), in collaboration with the Interagency  
> Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods  
> (ICCVAM), is planning to convene an independent scientific peer review  
> panel (Panel) to assess the validation status of in vitro tests and  
> integrated non-animal testing strategies proposed for identifying eye  
> injury hazard potential of chemicals and products. On behalf of ICCVAM,  
> NICEATM requests nominations of scientific experts who can be  
> considered for the Panel and submission of data from substances tested  
> in in vitro tests for identifying eye injury hazard potential. Of  
> particular interest are data generated in the short-time exposure (STE)  
> (Takahashi et al., 2008) and isolated rabbit eye (IRE) (ICCVAM, 2006,